

Application Serial No. 09/665,018

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph found on page 4, lines 11-25 with the following paragraph:

The client application 130 can present the results of the local scan assessment, namely the workstation credentials, to the user. This allows the user to compare the scan assessment results to a workstation security policy to determine the extent to which the workstation 115 complies with that security policy. In the event that the local workstation assessment service ~~[[115]]~~135 detects a vulnerability, the client application 130 can present to the user the recommended course of action to repair the detected vulnerability. The client application 130 can be implemented by a browser, such as the "INTERNET EXPLORER" browser marketed by Microsoft Corporation, and the local workstation assessment service 135 can be implemented by a scanner plug-in or control for installation at the browser. For example, the local workstation assessment service 135 can be embodied by an ActiveX control available for download from the Web server for use with the browser operating on the workstation 115 to complete local scan operations. The plug-in or control operates in tandem with the browser to complete a scan of the workstation and its environment and to generate scan results.

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